TOWN OF THORNTOWN

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

March 18 2024

7:00 PM

The March 18, 2024, meeting of the Council of the Town of Thorntown was called to order by Council President, Sara Fairfield at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held at the Thorntown Town Hall, 101 W. Main St., Thorntown, IN. The Council and citizens joined together in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were in attendance:

Sara Fairfield, Council Amy Nooning, Town Attorney

Dave Williams, Council Frank Clark, Marshal

Bruce Burtner, Council Max Allen, USB

Shawn McClintock, Council Gary Moody, Utility Supt.

Larry Truitt, Council

Koren Gray, Clerk/Treasurer-virtual Drew Guenther, Bldg. Inspector

**Presentations/Guests:**

Mike Summers, a fence vendor, has concerns with putting in a bid for the fence around the pond. There doesn’t seem to be a standard set of specs as to what the Town actually wants around the pond for security. He has checked with County and there are no requirements posted.

Kelly Frank, Sugar Creek Historical Society, introduced herself and her team. This team maintains the local museum. They have done the barn quilt project, and host a military room at the museum. The Thorntown Heritage Museum will be open on Saturdays, 11:00 am – 4:00pm, after Memorial weekend. She knows that the town is growing and would like to make sure the history is not forgotten.

Police Dept. headquarters presentation by Carley Peterson and Josh Goodman from RQAW. They provided a packet to the Council which outlines a cost of $3M for the facility. Sara asked RQAW to being to the table options for grants and funding. Sara suggested a future meeting with RQAW, Marshall Clark, the Clerk/Treasurer and a Council member.

**Public Comments/Concerns:**

None

**Department/Board and Commissions Reports:**

(NO REPORTS THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH MEETING)

**Advisory Plan Commission:**

The ACP has a citizen interested in being a member of the APC. Council President, Sara Fairfield, nominated Nancy Durkin. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0. She will need to take the Oath of Office.

**Police:** (Report previously submitted to Council)

Nothing to report

**Fire:**

No representative present

**Utilities**:

The USB will be posting soon for two additional employees. The utility department is preparing for the Superintendent’s retirement.

The utility has an issue with the gas station as papertowels are being flushed down the sewer.

Max is concerned about the utilities and whether they can or cannot help pay for a leaf vac.

Gary advised we may be able to sell an electrical truck to open up some storage space.

Two light poles are leaning and need to be replaced.

We need to review our water pipes. We have galvanized pipes now and may require lining.

**Building Inspector**:

Building Inspector, Drew Guenther, advised the Museum would like to have a new apron to the garage. They are asking about codes they would need to follow. Drew was interested in the opinions of the Council.

Drew is still inspecting the elementary construction.

This is a slow time of year for permits.

**Park Board:**

Leslie Doctor made a recommendation to appoint Sarabi Wallace to the Park Board. Sarabi helped with the Christmas Walk in the Park. Larry made a motion to appoint Sarabi. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0. Sarabi will need to take the Oath of Office.

The Park Board would like to replace the planters along Main St. It was discussed as to who actually owns them, the Town or the 4-H Club.

The Park restrooms has a broken water pipe. It will be fixed soon.

**Storm Water Board**:

Bruce asked when the stormwater fee was implemented. The Clerk/Treasurer advised about 3 years ago.

The Pizza King has notified the Town Hall that stormwater is pooling in the alley to the west of the Pizza King. Water is also running into the hair salon. Sara asked Gary if there is something that could be done temporary.

**Sanitary Sewer:**

Accu-dig has presented a report listing the top 9 priorities to the wastewater system. The top 5 are estimated at $50,000.

The Council approved for Dax to create a new future wastewater plan.

**Clerk/Treasurer:**

The Clerk/Treasurer provided a written report to each Council member.

**Consultant Report**:

All municipal meetings in Indiana will be required to record each meeting and post them by July 1, 2025.

The State is requiring uploads of more info than what we can handle at this point with our website. We will have an IOT presentation soon regarding changing our website vendor.

We need to review our Microsoft licensing.

We need to upgrade our cyber security as we are behind on protection of personal information.

We have been awarded the READI Makeover grant of $100,000 to the town. A match of $100,000 will be provided by the Town and a match of $100,000 will be provided by the building owner for renovation of the Odd Fellows building.

**Consent Agenda**:

The minutes from February 19 were tabled. Minutes from the March 4 meeting were presented. Bruce made a motion to approve the minutes. Shawn made a second. Payroll Dockets, and the APV Register of Claims were approved and signed.

**Unfinished Business:**

Nothing to present

**New Business**:

Boring is being done on South Front St., as the well monitoring is continuing in regard to the prior Stalcop business.

It is time to reach out to Dustin Dickerson regarding the ag land leasing.

Front St. has work being done in the Right of Way as new cable is being installed.

**Other Business**:

Claire from Boone County EDC, participated via telephone. Claire explained the Agreement as Sub-Recipient. Claire provided a summary of the document.

The Town will be considered the Project Manager. The Clerk/Treasurer, town Attorney have had a meeting with Boone EDC, Indy Metropolitan Organization, Jamestown and Advance regarding the recording of paperwork for the READI grant.

Attorney, Amy Nooning, explained to the Council that the money will be passed down through us. The buck stops here. This is considered a Public Works project. Amy will need to prepare contracts as certain language is needed to meet federal guidelines. The grant funds will go toward windows, sidewalk, benches, other outside beautification.

The BCEDC will hold another meeting regarding the grant and Molly Whitehead will have regular check in meetings with the Clerk/Treasurers. The funds will become available approximately 2 weeks after all paperwork signed and misc docs received by the BCEDC.

Larry made a motion to accept the Agreement as Sub-Recipient. Shawn made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

Mike Martin, Boone County EMS, advised an expectancy of 70,000 visitors in Boone County for the eclipse on April 8. What are our plans? Are we prepared for trash, traffic?

Arbor Homes is planning to break ground in April 2024.

The Town of Thorntown has $10,000 in a grant from Boone County Solid Waste. This can be used for Tow Clean-up Day and a portion will also benefit the park.

There was discussion on equipment storage options for town owned vehicles/equipment.

Bruce mentioned that Smith Trash Service would prefer not to handle Town Clean-up Day. Rays does not do clean-up days. Bruce is working with D & D out of Crawfordsville.

Shawn brought up what the Council wanted to do regarding the Zoom Auto lot and safety on Plum St. Amy agreed to draft a letter and work with Marshal Clark.

Claims were approved and signed.

**Adjournment:**

With no other business to be presented, Bruce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46. Larry made a second. Motion passed 5-0.

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Sara Fairfield Koren Gray

Council President Clerk/Treasurer

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